

REMARKS

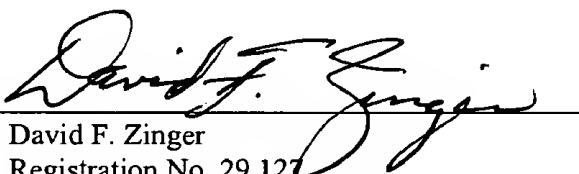
Claims 10-18, 22, 23, 25, 27 and 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner finds that the scope of the limitation "completing" is unclear. Although Applicants respectfully disagree, this ground for rejection has been rendered moot by the deletion of the objected-to language. Hence, Claims 10-18, 22, 23, 25, 27 and 28 should now be allowed.

Claims 19-21 are now rejected under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over the newly cited patent to Barton (US 3,700,470) in view of the newly cited patent to Anderson et al. (US 5,658,624). Claim 26 stands rejected under Section 102(b) as being anticipated by the Barton patent. Even though Applicants also disagree with the Examiner's findings regarding such newly cited prior art, in order to expedite the allowance of the patent application, Claims 19-21 and 26 have been canceled.

Inasmuch as all claims have been placed in condition for allowance, all patent application claims should now be allowed. Early notice of such allowance is earnestly solicited.

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